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- A severe storm November 17 in the Northwest left 3 people dead, caused power outages for more than 366,000 people, and closed several highways, among other disasters. – *Associated Press* (See item [1](#))
- A 5-alarm fire November 17 at the Lubrizol Corporation site in Pennsylvania prompted an evacuation of more than 70 area homes, injured 8 people, and left HAZMAT crews onsite for several hours containing the incident. – *WPXI 11 Pittsburgh* (See item [2](#))
- Company executives from the Dallas-based USPlabs were charged with 11 counts of wire fraud, mail fraud, and conspiracy November 17 for unlawful sale of dietary supplements. – *USA Today* (See item [9](#))
- Washington College in Maryland was evacuated November 17 and classes were cancelled November 18, while police searched for a student reportedly armed with a rifle. – *Baltimore Sun* (See item [15](#))

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Energy Sector

1. *November 18, Associated Press* – (National) **3 killed, thousands without power in Northwest windstorm.** A severe storm November 17 that moved across Oregon, Idaho, Washington, and Colorado in the Northwest left at least 3 people dead, knocked out power for more than 366,000 customers, closed several interstates and highways, prompted the cancellation of ferry trips, flooded area rivers, and closed school campuses.
Source: <http://www.msn.com/en-us/news/us/3-killed-thousands-without-power-in-northwest-wind-storm/ar-BBn9fxT>

Chemical Industry Sector

2. *November 18, WPXI 11 Pittsburgh* – (Pennsylvania) **5-alarm blaze destroys industrial building, prompts evacuation in Leetsdale.** The Lubrizol Corporation owned- Oilfield Chemistry site sustained extensive damage November 17 following a 5-alarm fire at its Leetsdale facility that injured 8 people, prompted an evacuation of more than 70 surrounding homes, and left HAZMAT crews and multiple fire departments onsite for several hours containing the incident after two chemicals were released in the air. An investigation is ongoing to determine the cause of the fire.
Source: <http://www.wpxi.com/news/news/local/crews-battling-3-alarm-fire-oil-and-gas-service-co/npPjQ/>

Nuclear Reactors, Materials, and Waste Sector

Nothing to report

Critical Manufacturing Sector

Nothing to report

Defense Industrial Base Sector

Nothing to report

Financial Services Sector

3. *November 17, Fort Myers News-Press* – (Florida) **Fort Myers man faces 120 years in prison for bank fraud.** A Fort Myers man pleaded guilty November 17 to four counts of bank fraud after orchestrating a nearly \$1.6 million check-kiting scheme in 2011 by profiting from fraudulent checks and auto loans procured through Coral Auto Sales, his used car business. An FBI investigation also revealed that the suspect tried to destroy 20 banker's boxes of incriminating evidence from his home.
Source: <http://www.news-press.com/story/news/crime/2015/11/17/fort-myers-man-faces-30-years-prison-bank-fraud-roger-eugene-hagood-check-kiting/75957716/>

4. *November 17, Associated Press* – (National) **Woman admits to role in nationwide**

credit card theft scheme. A California woman pleaded guilty in Federal court November 17 for her role in a nationwide credit card fraud scheme to steal 94,000 credit and debit cards by replacing point-of-sale systems with counterfeit devices equipped with wireless technology at 80 Michaels stores in 19 states with the intention to steal bank accounts and collect consumers' personal identification number (PIN).

Source: <http://www.sacbee.com/news/state/california/article45258012.html>

5. ***November 17, Minneapolis Star Tribune***– (Minnesota) **Minnesota couple plead guilty to huge tax scam.** A Minnesota couple pleaded guilty November 16 to a \$1.8 million tax fraud scheme in which the pair used their tax filing and immigration service, American Group, to file fraudulent tax returns on behalf of 1,000 people in Minnesota and Florida.
Source: <http://www.startribune.com/minnesota-couple-plead-guilty-to-huge-tax-scam/351095731/>

For another story, see item **9**

Transportation Systems Sector

6. ***November 18, USA Today; Arizona Republic; Associated Press*** – (International) **Two U.S.-to-Paris Air France flights diverted due to threats.** An Air France flight headed to Paris from Los Angeles was diverted to Salt Lake City, while a second Air France flight headed to Paris from Dulles Airport in Virginia was diverted to Canada due to similar, anonymous threats November 17. Authorities evacuated the planes and deemed both safe after nothing suspicious was found.
Source: <http://www.usatoday.com/story/news/2015/11/17/reports-two-air-france-flights-diverted/75970348/>
7. ***November 17, WCAU 10 Philadelphia*** – (Pennsylvania) **Person dies in tractor-trailer crash on Pennsylvania Turnpike.** Westbound lanes of the Pennsylvania Turnpike between Downingtown and Morgantown in Chester County were closed for several hours November 17 due to an accident involving semi-truck that crashed into the median, killing the driver.
Source: <http://www.nbcphiladelphia.com/news/local/Tractor-Trailer-Crash-Chester-County-West-Nantmeal-Township-Pennsylvania-Turnpike-1-Dead-351197651.html>
8. ***November 17, South Florida Sun-Sentinel*** – (Florida) **Truck crash, diesel spill slows Tuesday's commute on I-75 through Weston.** Interstate 75 in Broward County was shut down for 2 hours November 17 while crews cleared the wreckage of a semi-truck that jackknifed, ruptured the fuel tank, and spilled 50 gallons of diesel fuel onto the roadway.
Source: <http://www.sun-sentinel.com/local/broward/fl-weston--i75-tractor-trailer-crash-20151117-story.html>

For another story, see item **1**

Food and Agriculture Sector

9. *November 18, USA Today* – (National) **USPlabs charged in money laundering, wire fraud case.** Company executives from the Dallas-based USPlabs, a dietary supplement company, were charged with 11 counts of wire fraud, mail fraud, and conspiracy November 17 for allegations that the company modified product packaging, labeling, and certificates of analysis to mislead customers about the efficacy of the products, many of which were made using undeclared, synthetic ingredients from China.
Source: <http://www.usatoday.com/story/news/2015/11/17/supplements-charges-justice-investigation/75943252/>
10. *November 17, U.S. Food and Drug Administration* – (National) **Ashdon Farms issues allergy alert on Honey Mustard Pretzel Mix and Honey Mustard Mix.** Waukesha, Wisconsin-based Ashdon Farms issued a nationwide recall November 17 of all 7-ounce bags of Girl Scouts of the USA brand Honey Mustard Pretzel Mix and its 8-ounce bags of Ashdon Farms brand Honey Mustard Mix due to undeclared milk allergens. The products were distributed through fund-raising drives.
Source: <http://www.fda.gov/Safety/Recalls/ucm473216.htm>
11. *November 17, KAAL 6 Austin* – (Iowa) **All clear after ammonia leak at Rochester ice cream plant.** An ammonia leak discovered by a passerby at the Kemps ice cream plant in Rochester November 17 forced a part of North Broadway to shut down for 3 hours and prompted the evacuation of numerous area businesses. Crews contained the incident and the cause of the leak was due to a valve failure in the plant's freezer system.
Source: <http://www.kaaltv.com/article/stories/s3966437.shtml>

Water and Wastewater Systems Sector

See item [1](#)

Healthcare and Public Health Sector

12. *November 17, U.S. Department of Labor* – (Virginia) **OSHA issues notices to Hunter Holmes McGuire VA Medical Center for exposing workers to unsafe workplace.** The Occupational Safety and Health Administration reported November 17 that it issued 4 willful, 2, serious, and 8 other-than-serious safety violations to the Hunter Holmes McGuire Veterans Affairs Medical Center in Richmond after a November 6 investigation determined that the medical center was providing inadequate protection for employees exposed to workplace hazards while providing patient care.
Source:
https://www.osha.gov/pls/oshaweb/owadisp.show_document?p_table=NEWS_RELEASES&p_id=29052

Government Facilities Sector

13. *November 18, KTMF 23 Missoula* – (Montana) **Power outages force several schools**

to close. A power outage November 18 prompted the closure of schools in Kilah, Superior, West Glacier, and Libby, while crews worked to restore service across western Montana.

Source: <http://www.abcfoxmontana.com/story/30548540/power-outages-force-several-schools-to-close>

14. *November 17, Tallahassee Democrat* – (Florida) **Gadsen Street downtown reopened after bus crash.** Eight Highland's Elementary School students and 2 adults were transported to an area hospital with injuries following an accident involving 2 charter buses near an intersection in Tallahassee, Florida, November 17.

Source: <http://www.tallahassee.com/story/news/2015/11/17/gadsden-street-downtown-blocked-after-bus-crash/75950394/>

15. *November 17, Baltimore Sun* – (Maryland) **Washington College shut down as police look for student facing gun charges.** Students from Washington College in Maryland were evacuated November 17 and classes were cancelled November 18, a third consecutive day in a row while police search for a student reportedly armed with a rifle, who is facing criminal charges for allegedly showing a pistol to a classmate at the Eastern Shore school. The student's parents alerted authorities after he left home with a rifle November 16.

Source: <http://www.baltimoresun.com/news/maryland/eastern-shore/bs-md-washington-college-tuesday-20151117-story.html>

For another story, see item [1](#)

Emergency Services Sector

16. *November 17, KPTV 12 Portland* – (Oregon) **Inmate escapes from North Bend minimum-security prison.** Authorities are searching for an inmate who escaped from the Shutter Creek Correctional Institution in North Bend November 17.

Source: <http://www.kptv.com/story/30543807/inmate-escapes-from-north-bend-minimum-security-prison>

Information Technology Sector

17. *November 18, The Register* – (International) **Blackhole's back: Hated exploit kit returns from the dead.** Researchers from Malwarebytes discovered that the previously extinct Blackhole Exploit Kit has resurfaced after finding an active drive-by download campaign via compromised Web sites with the same Adobe Java platform and PDF exploits as the Blackhole Exploit Kit, which can still compromise vulnerable computers despite its old exploits.

Source:

http://www.theregister.co.uk/2015/11/18/blackhole_exploit_kit_back_from_dead/

18. *November 18, Securityweek* – (International) **Security flaws in LastPass exposed user passwords.** LastPass security team released patches addressing a series of bugs and design flaws, discovered by two researchers from Salesforce, that could have been used

to exploit user passwords through an attack against LastPass via various vectors including a special disable one-time password (dOTP) that can be used for authentication to access the encrypted vault key and decrypt it, and bypass IP restrictions and two-factor authentication (2FA), as well as using custom_js to inject and execute JavaScript code on login pages of Web sites.

Source: <http://www.securityweek.com/security-flaws-lastpass-exposed-user-passwords>

19. *November 17, Securityweek* – (International) **Adobe issues security fixes for ColdFusion, LiveCycleDS, Premiere Clip.** Adobe released a series of updates addressing security vulnerabilities in several of its products including ColdFusion, which resolved two input validation issues that may be used in reflected cross-site scripting (XSS) attacks; LiveCycleDS, which resolved a server-side request forgery vulnerability; and Premiere Clip products, which patched an input validation issue in a mobile application that allows Apple iOS users to create or edit videos on mobile devices.

Source: <http://www.securityweek.com/adobe-issues-security-fixes-coldfusion-livecycleds-premiere-clip>

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Communications Sector

Nothing to report

Commercial Facilities Sector

20. *November 18, Chicago Tribune* – (Illinois) **Extra-alarm fire destroys Bronzeville stores: ‘There ain’t gonna be work tomorrow.’** A 2-alarm fire in Bronzeville destroyed a commercial strip housing Roger Pharmacy, the Dollar City store, a tax preparation firm, and other businesses November 17 after the fire began in the Dollar City store and spread to other businesses, which prompted the closure of surrounding roads for more than 2 hours and left 4 fire departments to remain onsite for 4 hours. Officials are investigating the cause of the incident.

Source: <http://www.chicagotribune.com/news/local/breaking/ct-bronzeville-fire-20151118-story.html>

21. *November 17, Tampa Bay Times* – (Florida) **FBI arrests Seminole man for threatening Pinellas mosque – and leaving his name.** The FBI reported that a Seminole man was arrested on a Federal charge for making telephone threats to kill, injure, or intimidate using fire or an explosive November 17 after the man left two threatening voicemails to the Islamic Society of Pinellas County and the Islamic Society of St. Petersburg November 13.

Source: <http://www.tampabay.com/news/publicsafety/crime/fbi-arrests-seminole-man-accused-of-calling-in-threats-to-two-pinellas/2254311>

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Dams Sector

Nothing to report



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